



## The Year In Greenbelt

From the files of the Cooperator

### January

- 8th. Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation moves into new headquarters on Hamilton Place. 1076 contracts for the purchase of houses completed. Movement started by renters to oppose rent increases permitted by Office of Rent Stabilization. Michael Ronca chosen to direct Greenbelt Band.
- 11th. Community Church choir gives first performance in Greenbelt of Handel's "Messiah" under direction of Elizabeth Goetze. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company lends large sums to finance Greenbelt projects.
- 21st. Almost 300 attend hearing to protest rent increases.

### February

- 5th. Greenbelt Youth Center popular with youth of surrounding communities. Half of members from outside Greenbelt. Agitation for urban rates when Potomac Electric Power Company takes over Greenbelt's Federally-owned electric distribution system. Informal meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., members approve tentative plans to participate in organization of new store enterprise in northwest Washington. Credit Union announces almost 30 percent of outstanding loans of \$123,500 are to finance down payments on Greenbelt houses. Thirty residents form Greenbelt Tenants Association to protest rent increases. City prepares to operate water and sewage facility.
- 12th. New Fellowship Center building of Community Church shown to the public. Plans for 100 new 3-bedroom houses announced.
- 19th. Parks, utilities, and roadways dedicated to city of Greenbelt by Federal government. GCS expansion plan discouraged by disinclination of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies to provide initial finances. Community Coordinating Committee organized under sponsorship of GCS. Orientation of new residents and publication of city directory planned. City fathers, alarmed by increase in dog population, announce intention to enforce control measures.
- 26th. Foundation of new gymnasium at Greenbelt Junior High School laid. Greenbelt entertains Norwegian cooperators.

### March

- 5th. McDonald Ball Park rearranged after Baltimore Parkway grading encroaches on it. GCS board member Lewis protests long drawn-out meetings and urges golden mean between "rubber stampers" and "eager beavers". Jewish Community Center's new building 20 percent completed.
- 8th. Heaviest snowstorm of the winter - 5 inches.
- 12th. GVHC decides to put in bids on apartment buildings offered for sale by Public Housing Administration. GCS announces \$75,000 net savings and patronage dividend of 1.2 percent. Youth Center Advisory Board presses city for new building.
- 26th. Ralph G. Miller resigns as Cooperator editor due to pressure of other work. City grants franchise to Potomac Electric Power Company.

### April

- 2nd. GVHC purchases 2 apartment buildings. Ten others purchased by private investors.
- 9th. Group organized to purchase building lots on southeast shore of Lake. Cooperative Leaders Conference attracts many to speeches and exhibits at Center School. 522 ballots cast in GCS annual meeting. Directors elected: Walter Bierwagen, George Davidsen, Sam Schwimer, Harry Zubkoff, Frank Lewis, Max Fisher, Larry Oosterhaus, Ben Rosenzweig, Keith Gamble. City and Public Housing Administration differ on budget and on amount of payments due in lieu of taxes on apartment properties not acquired by GVHC. Problem of littered streets and courts becomes acute. Garden clinic at theater.
- 16th. Youngsters hunt 24 dozen Easter eggs at elementary school on Easter Monday. City council asks halt to construction of school bus garage already under way near Greenbelt Junior High School. Trash accumulates at apartment houses and at Center as city refuses service pending settlement of tax dispute. Mayor Lastner "sympathizes" with tenants. Cooperator announces subscription plan to begin July 1. Benard Krug appointed Cooperator editor. Public asked to let GVHC know how many large houses should be built by its development subsidiary. Record tax rate of \$4.2178 per \$100 assessed valuation voted by city council. Budget compromise reached with PHA. Latter organization bills city for cost of collecting garbage during 8-day dispute.
- 23rd. Public Buildings Administration considers building large government office building somewhere on Greenbelt land. (Nothing further was heard of this.) City council sets higher admission price to non-Greenbelters for use of Federal-built swimming pool.
- 30th. Ben Goldfaden elected president of Lakeside cooperative subdivision association. Walter Bierwagen reelected president of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. Cyrilla O'Connor elected president of Woman's Club. Steve and Louise D'Amico found dead at 22 Parkway. Police believed Steve murdered his wife and then killed himself.

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## Lions Collect Food From Local Donors

The Lions Club Good Will Food Drive met with success according to Chairman Art Plackett. He reported that 18 baskets of canned food were collected with an average value of \$25 per basket. American Legion Post No. 136 contributed 12 turkeys and Greenbelt Consumer Services added three cases of food, Plackett stated.

All the food collected was turned over to a panel formed to arrange distribution in Greenbelt on Wednesday evening before Christmas. Members of the panel were the Reverend Eric T. Braund, pastor of the Community Church, the Reverend Edward H. Birner, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Anthony Madden, Elizabeth Goldfaden, and Thomas Freeman.

## Registration Opens For Adult Education

Classes for Adult Education will commence for the second semester at Northwestern Senior High School, Hyattsville, Maryland. A fee of \$2.00 is required for each enrollee per semester. Classes must have 15 or more students.

Registration will take place as follows:

Art - Dave Young, Room 211, Tuesday, January 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Spanish I - Miss Anne Putnam, Room 101, Monday, January 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Typewriting - Mrs. Annamaria Beveridge, Room 203, Monday, January 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Woodwork - Emil Hrehenach, Room 113, Wednesday, January 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; English - Bill Smith, Room 304, Monday, January 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

## Sodality Planning Penny Sale Jan. 6

At the January meeting of St. Hugh's Sodality on Wednesday evening, January 6 beginning at 8:30 p.m., the Sodality will feature a Penny Sale. Each member is asked to bring a gift varying in value from ten cents to one dollar. These are numbered and numbers are also placed in envelopes, each selling for 1 cent. Holders of the lucky numbers at the end of the sale are given the gifts. Refreshments will be served.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

(Answers on page 3)

1. How does the Police Department help residents in the event of loss of a bicycle?
2. How does the Police Department help recover smaller vehicles, such as tricycles or scooters?
3. What should owners of such rolling equipment do to protect their property?
4. If a tricycle or similar article is lost, what should the loser do?
5. How can everyone cooperate on this problem?

Note: In last week's quiz, the 15 court of Ridge was inadvertently listed as the court farthest north in Greenbelt. The correct answer is, of course, 15 Laurel Hill Road. The Cooperator regrets the error, and thanks to Richie Fonda for bringing it to our attention.

## Green Valleyites Meet January 7 To Plan Single - Ownership Group

The Green Valley Homes Association is now being formed for Greenbelters and their friends who want to buy individually-owned homes on a 25-acre tract of land on the north side of Crescent Road near St. Hugh's.

A series of meetings are being held to explain how the Association will operate. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, at 8 p.m. in the GVHC office on Hamilton Place. Prospective members will be given a summary of the arrangements and will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project.

### Fourth GCB Project

The Green Valley project is the fourth of a series of cooperative developments which are being planned north of Crescent Road by Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc. The latter is an essentially non-profit and non-speculative organization for developing homes on vacant land in Greenbelt. It is owned by the non-profit Foundation for Cooperative Housing, Inc., receives its working capital from the Peoples Development Company through the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, and options land from GVHC.

The Green Valley project will offer a variety of house types for individual sale. The site chosen has both water and sewer utilities nearby and can be developed easily. Homes will be along no-through-traffic streets and will be within five minutes' walk of the main shopping center and all elementary schools.

### Variety of Homes

Three-bedroom homes with carports and individual asphalt driveways on 75 by 120 lots will be available for as low as \$12,000, including the lot. Both FHA and VA financing will be available.

The average lot in Green Valley, complete with roads, curbs, sewers and water line, will cost an average of \$2,000 on a non-profit and non-speculative development basis. Half of this is the cost of the land under the terms of the option GCB has with GVHC.

Prospective members of the

## Sewards Win Prize In Lighting Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Seward, 35-A Ridge Road, won the Lions Club Home Lighting Contest, according to an announcement made by the Club. The winners will be awarded a \$25 War Savings Bond.

The Lions Club plans to make this contest an annual affair.

## Lakeside Homeowners Buy Land From GVHC

The Lakeside Homeowners voted on Tuesday, December 29, to buy outright from the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation the 26-acre parcel of land on which the group will develop a new Greenbelt residential section.

The land is to be purchased for \$1,200 an acre or for an approximate total of \$31,000. It was also decided to open a sales office in a room in the rear of the old police station to complete the sale of the remaining lots of land.

James Ott of 4-F Hillside was elected to the board of directors of the organization to fill a vacancy, and Mrs. Ruth Newman of 6-D Crescent was elected to the post of secretary.

### BRIDGE CLUB

The Duplicate Bridge Club will meet Friday, January 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the Center school.

Green Valley Homes Association will have a choice of several kinds of homes ranging from two- to five-bedroom homes. Most will have a choice of exterior finish, such as brick, natural cedar siding, and shingles, and also a choice of interior decorating and equipment.

The types of houses offered include the ones proposed for the Woodland Homes cooperative, for which a model has been built on Northway Extended, the three-bedroom homes proposed for the two Ridgewood Homes cooperatives, the more expensive "Trades Secrets" house, and a number of the better models offered by National Homes. There will also be lots available for anyone who wants an extra lot or a custom-built house.

### Member Agreement

GCB will suggest the location and initial landscaping for every house selected, subject to an appeal to an Association committee. Members who select a house and lot will pay a non-returnable application fee of \$25 and a returnable \$100 deposit on the membership fee. They will then sign a subscription agreement calling for the balance of the membership fee which will be applied on accounts of the house and lot which the member selects.

A 16-page free bulletin has been prepared by GCB on Green Valley. It suggests how the Association can be organized, what standards it should have, estimated prices and types of houses and lots which can easily be made available, estimated down-payments and carrying charges, and several floor plans.

The bulletin may be obtained from Elliott Bukzin, 6-N Ridge Road, GR 4-3751; Bruce Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel Hill Road, GR 3-6468; the sales department in the GVHC office; or by sending postcard to Greenbelt Community Builders, Box 173, Greenbelt, Md.

The GCB board of directors includes Bukzin and Ralph Webster, both of GVHC, Wallace J. Campbell of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., and Julian Whittlesey and Roger Wilcox, both of the FCH company.

Lakeside Homeowners, Inc. members will be offered the opportunity to buy houses of the types offered to Green Valley members at the same prices available to Green Valley, if the roads and utilities for Lakeside are installed in time.

### Management Co-ops

Woodland Homes and the two Ridgewood Homes sections - GCB's three management-type cooperatives now in the planning stage - are designed to take advantage of the better financing possible when there is only one large mortgage. Lending institutions will give lower rates on one big mortgage than they will on many smaller ones.

Members of these developments will also have the advantage of somewhat lower prices for the same units because of the larger scale of building operations, and they will also have a stronger control over their immediate neighborhood than will the owners of individual homes. These management-type cooperatives will be offered as soon as financing is available, which is now expected early in 1954.



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## Happy New Year!

Nineteen hundred and fifty-three is behind us. Ahead lie 365 bright, new-minted days ready to use, days in which we can live and love and work and hope. We will make mistakes - who among us mortals does not? The only way to avoid mistakes is to do nothing and if men did nothing their journey through time would be meaningless. But we will make progress, too, though that progress may seem slow and unsubstantial at times.

It is right that we should pause a moment before beginning a new year to measure how far we have come and how far we may expect to go. The year 1953 was an eventful one in Greenbelt. It marked the transition from a government owned housing project to an independent community. It marked the end of an era, the beginning of a saga. During this past year we have debated many issues, sometime calmly, more often heatedly. We have fought many battles, argued many cases, won sometimes, lost sometimes. But in most cases we have witnessed good fights, for we are convinced that most of the contestants have one thing in common. That is a genuine desire to improve our lot in Greenbelt.

And this is the thought we must all bear in mind. Controversies in a community like ours are healthy. Differences of opinion make for sounder decisions. But the must avoid the terrible danger of casting aspersions on the motivations of our adversaries. If each of us wants to be taken seriously, in good faith, we must likewise credit those who differ with us with sincerity and good faith. With the certain knowledge that we are all working toward the same goal, a better place in which to live, we can resolve our inevitable problems amiably and sensibly. We can face this coming year unafraid, with confidence in an ever-brighter future. In this spirit, we wish all our readers a happy and peaceful new year.



Ed Burgoon, GVHC board member, and head of the public relations committee, issues another GVHC Newsletter this week. Papers spread out before him, he smiles happily, hard at work.

THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN  
of the

**GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

extend to members and non-members  
their best wishes for a very

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083  
An extra-special Christmas present for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kosisky, Jr., 4-A Laurel Hill, was the birth of an 8 lb. 4 oz. daughter, Susan Elizabeth on December 24 at Leland Memorial Hospital. They have a son, Darryl, 7 years old.

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Flaxman, 44-C Ridge, are spending their holidays with relatives. Rosalind is in Jamaica, Long Island; Elaine and Claire are in Newark; all enjoying themselves tremendously.

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, and their two children, Wilarene and "Twig", 44-P Ridge moved early this week to North Carolina. Residents here for less than a year, the Taylors were well liked and will be missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Miller, 13-V Ridge, enjoyed the company of her sister, Miss Mary Helen Russell, who came down from New York City for the long Christmas weekend.

Former Greenbelters Paul and Rosalyn Borsky and their children Susan, Phyllis and Arthur spent several days with their old friends, Murray and Ida Ryss of 33-S Ridge. The Borskys left for their home in Long Island on Tuesday, happy in having renewed old acquaintance in and around Greenbelt.

Dick and Miriam Ferrell, 13-U Ridge are enjoying the holidays at the home of his parents in California.

Leonard Gilbert of New York City is spending his Christmas vacation with his cousin, Lila Shiren, 8-D Hillside. The Shirens took their young guest sightseeing they visited the Capitol, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Library of Congress, where a huge Christmas tree had been set up.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Finley, 13-C Ridge, and their two daughters are sharing some of their vacation time with her parents in North Carolina. Mr. Finley is a music instructor in Greenbelt Junior High School.

It's a boy for the Tony Madden family, born at Georgetown Hospital on Monday, December 28. Congratulations, Kitty and Tony!

Pvt. Martin Loftus of Camp Pickett, Va. and Joseph Loftus of Fordham University were home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Loftus. Miss Catherine Loftus, a junior at Trinity College, will fly January 1 to Milwaukee where, as National Chairman of the International Relations Commission, she will attend a National Council Meeting of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Catherine will return on January 5.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Matthew Cowan, in Decatur, Georgia, on December 30. She was the mother of Mrs. Howard Hunt, 3-D Research and Mrs. Patsy Hodges, 59-C Ridge. Mrs. Cowan had been ill in a nursing home for some time. Jane and Patsy left Wednesday afternoon and the funeral will take place this weekend. Jane and Patsy have sisters in Des Moines and a brother in Cincinnati and a brothers in Decatur.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Taxing Question

It appears that the entire tax rate structure in Greenbelt is not clear to the average Greenbelter. Conversation among Greenbelters confirms this contention. It is the intent of this letter to aid in having this matter clarified.

Recently the city of Greenbelt imposed a tax of \$2.14 per \$100 assessed valuation of property. It is also understood that Prince Georges County imposes an almost equal amount, or rate, upon Greenbelt property. This totals to an unprecedented rate of approximately \$4 plus per \$100 valuation. However, what is not known to the average Greenbelter is in what manner the tax dollar is apportioned, or what the total tax dollar supports in terms of services.

Recently GVHC issued to all its members a breakdown of the monthly costs it proposes to charge to individual units for 1954. Included in this tabulation is a total for taxes. However, a breakdown of this tax sum, differentiating between city and county taxes, was not made. In addition, the assessed value of the property concerned was not indicated.

In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that the city of Greenbelt, in cooperation with GVHC, publicly clarify the above-mentioned matter by showing exactly how the total tax dollar, both city and county, is spent. This may be shown in terms of so many cents or mills for a particular service, as some tax bills in other localities are itemized. As an alternate, the Cooperator as a public service may elect to run a series of articles on how our tax dollar is spent.

It is evident that the tax picture is not clear. It is a fact that we have a high tax rate. In any event details are greatly desired.

James H. Ott,  
4-Hillside Rd.

### Chest Drive

The final total of collections to the Community Chest drive in Greenbelt amounted to \$1,188.73. Greenbelt has well exceeded its quota which was set at \$1,000.

As Chairman of the Community Chest drive in Greenbelt, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the captains and their workers, to the Cooperator for its fine support, and to Mrs. Backstrom, publicity chairman, for excellent publicity. A very special vote of thanks to Mrs. Dean Jensen who, as a captain, turned in the largest collection for the Community Chest.

Mrs. James Flynn, Chairman  
Community Chest Drive  
in Greenbelt.

### Food Drive

The Greenbelt Lions Club wishes to thank all the citizens of Greenbelt who helped to make its first Good-Will Food Drive such a success by their contributions of food, clothing, and money.

Particular thanks go to Mayor Frank Lastner, City Manager Charles McDonald, Donnie Wolfe, Elliott Sines, Roy Root and Jack Fruchtman.

Expressions of gratitude go to Greenbelt Consumer Services and American Legion Post No. 136 for their generous gifts of food.

The Lions Club is deeply gratified at the success of this effort and hopes that in the future this will become an annual event with ever-increasing participation.

Lloyd Clay, President  
Greenbelt Lions Club.

### Thanks

I hope you all noticed the attractive Christmas window in the Variety Store. A special thank you to Frank Nunnary who made the stable, and my appreciation to Mrs. Allen Kistler and Mrs. Leonardo for their assistance. The management of the Co-op Variety Store was most cooperative in every way. Thanks to every one of you for your "gift of service" to the Christ Child.

Mrs. Joseph P. Loftus  
St. Hugh's Sodality.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull

Ministers

Elizabeth Goetze  
Minister of Music

Sunday, January 3 - Worship and Preaching at 9 and 11 a.m. Music by the St. Cecilia and Chancel choirs. Sermon by Mr. Hull on: "Facing the Fiery Furnace". Junior Hi and Senior Hi Youth Fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m. Church School and Church Nursery at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. as usual.

Monday, January 4 - 8 p.m., Board of Trustees meet, Church Study.

Tuesday, January 5 - 1:30 p.m., Meeting of the Church Women's Afternoon Guild.

Wednesday, January 6 - 10:30 a.m., Mr. Braund will address the Student Assembly at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. (A former Greenbelter, Dr. Milton Wiksell, heads the Speech Dept. there). 8 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Coming Events: Saturday, January 9 - 8 p.m., Couples Club. Tuesday, January 12 - 7:30 p.m., Opening of the Christian School in the Nation's Capital by the Federation of Churches. Six Tuesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church.

## ST. HUGH'S

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor  
GR. 3-5911

Thursday, December 31: Confessions from 4 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 8 in the evening. A Holy Hour in commemoration of the closing of the year will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. Church calendars will be distributed after the devotions.

New Years: Feast of the Circumcision; a holy day of obligation. Masses the same as on Sunday: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. There will be no Midnight Mass. This is also First Friday.

Saturday: Confessions from 4 to 5 in the afternoon and from 8 to 9 in the evening.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Communion Sunday for members of the Sodality at the 7:30 Mass. Teen-age Sodality will receive at the 8:30 Mass. Religious instruction for Catholic children enrolled in public schools will resume today after the 8:30 Mass.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Novena devotions followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Sodality at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 4: St. Hugh's pupils report at 9 a.m. for classes.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School  
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.,  
Acting Pastor  
GR. 3-4844

Sunday, January 3 - 9:45, Sunday School. J. S. Stewart, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship, Sermon - "Why Observe The Lords Supper?" Nursery for babies and small children maintained during Sunday School and Morning Worship Service. 7 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for entire family. Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. Story Hour for small children. 8 p.m., Evening Worship, Sermon - "Time Marches On!"

Thursday, 8 p.m., Mid-Week Service, room 201, Center School.

Saturday, 3 p.m. - Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge Rd. Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, Director. Children 5 years and older invited. Phone GR. 3-2977.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

The regular weekly services of the Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, January 1, 1954 at 8 p.m. at the home of Rabbi C. Waldman, 18-B Ridge Road. Candle lighting time at 4:05 p.m.



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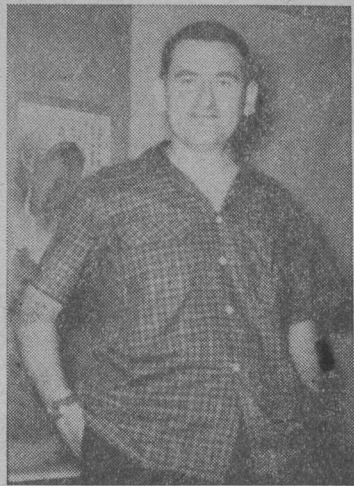
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## Dollars & Sense

By Morris J. Solomon

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**Anemia - A Problem For Your Doctor** - Treating yourself for anemia is foolish and can be dangerous. The symptoms of anemia are one or more of the following: pallor, dizziness, general weakness, fatigue, increased sensitiveness to cold, spots before the eyes. If you have some of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you have anemia necessarily. It may be anemia, or it may be something far more serious, and only a doctor is equipped to determine if the symptom is anemia or something else. Even if it is anemia, there are different types of anemia, each requiring different treatment.

So when the TV announcer or newspaper ad tells you that you need their product for that run-down feeling, don't believe them. They are playing a vicious game which no intelligent consumer should take part in.

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1. Greenbelt bicycles are licensed. In the event of loss, the owner notifies the police who watch for the bike. When the officers pick up a bike, or when one is turned in to them, they notify the owner (as recorded with the license number) to retrieve it.

2. Such articles abandoned near the roads or underpasses are picked up by the officer in the cruiser. (At the present time the articles are placed outside the old police station next to the fire house. In the near future it is anticipated that "found" items will be kept in the basement of that building.) The Police Department serves the community by recording lost articles, and when notified of a "find", advises the owner.

3. The Police Department recommends (1) marking name and address plainly on the articles; (2) keeping such articles on the porch or close to the house when not in use.

4. Police Chief Panagoulis advises the owner of a lost bike, tri-cycle or scooter to search the neighborhood thoroughly, alert the neighbors to the loss, and report the loss to the Police Department - GR. 3-2011. When and if the lost article is found, the Department should also be notified, he said.

5. City officials urge all residents to investigate apparently abandoned bikes or smaller vehicles lying around the courts and play areas. If marked, the owner may be located; otherwise a police officer will respond to a telephoned request to pick up the article.

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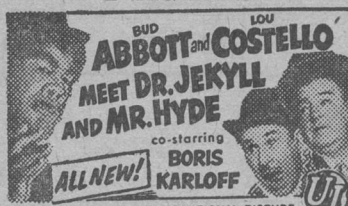
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## The Long View

By Al Long

I have just finished reading my "Dear Member" Christmas greeting from GVHC advising me that my total monthly payments will be \$110.75. That's \$1329.00 out of my 1954 budget for housing (I remember that during the depression I didn't even make that much some years).

With this amount fresh in my mind, I wish Paul Campbell and his GVHC staff, and Charles McDonald and his city of Greenbelt staff a happy and mettlesome new year. I know it will also be mettlesome because serving the public, especially the Greenbelt public, is a tough job. But don't forget it is your job and this year it has a price tag on it and you won't have that old bogey man PHA to blame.

If, when I see Paul Campbell or one of his staff, I have that "ten pound look" in my eyes it will be because I am thinking to myself - "those fellows cost me \$43.82 a month".

Likewise, Mac, I'll be looking at you and your team with a \$20.70 a month look in my eyes, and if the library doesn't have the book I want, or the police don't prevent vandalism to my car, or if the trash men leave my yard as if a cyclone struck it - I'll be saying "what the devil do I get from the city for \$20.70 a month".

Now if everybody looks at you like that all year long, it will be a tough year but a very successful one because I know you all can do the job and do it well if all the folks in Greenbelt help you do it. But it's your job to do and getting cooperation from the members and citizens is part of that job. The people of Greenbelt are not unreasonable, all they want is better service and lower costs - Happy New Year, Paul and Mac!

## Sitters Pool Meets Wednesday, January 6

The annual meeting of the Sitter's Pool will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 8:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Justman, 3-D Crescent Rd. Revision and additions to the By-Laws will be discussed and acted upon. All members are urged to attend.

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### My Daze

THE RED LEAFED BLUE-BERRY BUSHES were certainly a brilliant and distinctive sight against the browns and greens of the fall scenery hereabouts. Other leaves turn shades of red and brown before they fall, but these turn red and stay red even until the twigs shed them. In the last two months they have thus made up for their unspectacular white flower of Spring, and the frustration of yielding the fruit to the hungry birds of Summer as quickly as they ripen. As far as beauty is concerned, to those with eyes to see, they come into their own at the end of the seasons' cycle, at last. This reminds me of what Edward R. Murrow said to Eva Gabor on his PERSON TO PERSON program one Friday night (10:30 p.m.), "A woman who is not more beautiful after fifty than she was before, was never beautiful to begin with." Eva Gabor agreed with him, although I can't imagine how Miss Gabor can hope ever to be any more dazzling than she is right now.

WE FOOLED AROUND A BIT WITH THE BABY'S clown-and-ladder toy, a wonderful ten-cent item, and discovered that if you start the clown down the ladder with his feet first, he'll land the same way, upright; but if he starts the descent upside down, he falls

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any which way down below, and never on his feet. There's a moral somewhere, we think. —daisy.

### YEAR from page 1

#### May

- 1st. Apartment houses pass to new ownership. City offers hangars near disposal plant for use as school bus garage. Rev. Eric T. Braund, pastor of Community Church, takes leave for six months to work for CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances Everywhere).
- 14th. Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., prepares to add service station to other retail facilities at Takoma Park.
- 23rd. Community coordinating committee welcomes new residents at Center School. GVHC invites those interested in baby farms (1 acre or more to a meeting. Catholic and Protestant volunteers help Jewish volunteers in efforts to push construction of Jewish Community Center.
- 26th. Mrs. Christopher Mullady elected president of Center School Parent Teacher Association.

#### June

- 4th. Lakeside lot sale opened. Mayor Lastner's proposal to exempt builders of new homes from payment of taxes for a specified period to be considered at city council meeting.
- 18th. Opposition by city officials and others to rezoning of former Schrom Airport partly for commercial use is ineffective. County commissioners overrule planning authorities.

#### July

- 4th. Delightful local celebration. Parade, fireworks at lake attract large crowds.
- 9th. Owners of Schrom property plan motel, chain restaurant, residences just outside Greenbelt on land formerly part of city. Mayor favors annexation. Co-op group buys part of ex-President Hoover's cabin resort on Rapidan torrent in Blue Ridge.
- 16th. Lloyd Clay elected president of Lions Club. Difficulties encountered as property-conscious new owners of houses erect fences. Beltsville Airport under consideration as alternative to Andrews Air Base for supplemental civilian use. Junior High gymnasium nears completion.
- 30th. Mike Salzman, GVHC president and one of the moving spirits and hard workers for its organization, resigns to move to California.

#### August

- 2nd. Edward H. Birner ordained and appointed pastor of Greenbelt Lutheran Church.
- 20th. GCS bid to buy Shirlington cooperative department store rejected in favor of offer by Goldenberg's Department Store. GCS acquires title to land under Greenbelt food store. Nearly 1000 register to vote in city election.

#### September

- 1st. Moving day for 105 families moving out, and others moving in.
- 3rd. Work starts on model home on Northway near Hillside Road. Swimming pool closes successful season.
- 15th. New councilmen elected: Frank Lastner, James Wolfe, Thomas Canning, Ben Goldfaden, and Robert Hurst. New local city directory said to be coming out soon.
- 27th. Big Co-op barbecue at Greenbelt. Dancing, games, ponies, rides.

#### October

- 1st. Isadore Parker elected president of Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc.
- 15th. Harry Zubkoff returns to editorship of Cooperator.
- 22nd. GVHC president Ralph Webster protests unsightly litter in town. City provides space to park commercial vehicles belonging to residents, near warehouses at disposal plant.

#### November

- 5th. City council passes resolution to keep Greenbelt "garden city" in accordance with original Hale Walker plan. Problem of possible transfer of city library to county system discussed at council meeting. Methodist congregation launches building fund campaign.

#### December

- 3rd. GVHC membership meeting reaffirms pet ban and, after quorum has melted away, informally favors retention of proportional representation.
- 7th. Public hearing held on city budget.

## "OUR BAND"

Our children's band  
Is something grand  
to see and hear today;  
Each baton's swirl  
By pretty girl  
Enhances music's play.  
The roll of snares  
In martial airs  
Brings out the quickened beat;  
And loud resound  
On followed ground  
The steps of marching feet.  
How proud are we,  
Who thrill to see  
Our children in array!  
How many more  
Are anxious for  
An equal chance to play!

"Mark"

Our band, which has played such a vital part in the musical development of youngsters, has a history of continuous growth and progress since its inception in the spring of 1940.

In Greenbelt's third year as a community, a strong need for a new outlet for the creative abilities of children from the ages of 12 thru 18 was found to be of paramount importance.

The answer to this was a community band.

In the tradition of Greenbelt's pioneering spirit and largely through the efforts of Mary Jane Kinzer, the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Citizens' Association and various other community organizations, a committee was formed. This committee sent out 3000 letters to the 885 homes in Greenbelt which had children of school age.

Sixty children applied and were given an aptitude test including tonal sensitiveness, as well as adaptability of hands and lips. Paul Gerritt, prominent Band Director throughout Maryland and the District, conducted the tests. Forty-five children were accepted.

Meanwhile, through the philanthropic efforts of its sponsors and promoters, funds were provided for the initial enterprise. Gerritt was engaged to direct the band, and a constitution and by-laws were written. Through the co-operation of the Farm Security Administration, old band instruments from the Army and Navy were turned over to the new band. Some members chose to purchase individual instruments and the nucleus of the band was formed.

It was only a short three months later that the band gave its first concert in the Auditorium to a capacity audience which loudly acclaimed its new prodigy—the Greenbelt Band.

A year later a Feeder Band was added to supplement and fill vacancies due to changed residence and matriculation.

Although circumstances have at times forced it to live a vicarious existence, nevertheless, the band has persevered and emerged stronger than ever. Credit for much of this can be attributed to the sound organizational basis upon which it was founded.

The band today is composed of three groups; the Senior Band, the Majorettes and the Junior Band. Its membership at present totals approximately 95 band members (50 Seniors and 45 Juniors). In addition there is a corps of 25 Majorettes. Membership is open to all children between the ages of 9 and 21. Instruments, however, are issued only to Greenbelt residents.

The band has been operating during the past year on the following budget:

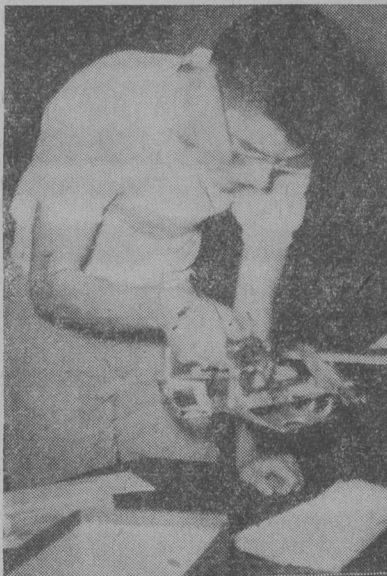
Expenses:	
Director's fees	\$1300
Music	300
Purchase of instruments	250
Repairs to old	350
General Expenses	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2300</b>

#### Income:

Fee from children for rental of instruments and attendance of rehearsals	\$1000
Town contribution	300
Funds raised by parents of band members	900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2200</b>

This budget covers only the band's normal yearly requirements. Officers of the band have added \$400 additional due to increased members to their normal yearly budget. Plans are now under way for further expansion of the band and estimated requirements above normal needs are as follows:

\$3000 - New uniforms for 75 band members	
500 - New uniforms for majorettes	
1000 - For new instruments, 10 applicants now awaiting instruments and includes	



JIM O'NEILL (above)

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	replacement need of \$300.
\$4500	
2300 - Normal yearly budget	
400 - Increased membership this year	

#### \$7200 - TOTAL

So remember this! It is only with the wholehearted cooperation and aid of interested people that the band can hope to attain its goal and continue its record of progress made within the last year.

A plea has recently been addressed to all civic-minded organizations and individuals to provide for necessary funds for uniforms, instruments and further expansion.

The services of the band and majorettes are cheerfully and willingly given to all organizations in Greenbelt. Ample notification of a request for band services must be given considerably in advance in order to avoid any conflict with other band requests. All arrangements are subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the Band.

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